

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

## COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 1980

Present: J. Chaikelson, Chairman, B. Sahni, M. Cohen, M.A. Malik, R. Tekel, J. Lightstone, B. Slack, M. Armstrong, J. Kornblatt, H. Shulman, J. Aaron, T. Gray, L. Crysler, D. Murphy, E. Preston, A. Lajoie, C. Torchia, L. Crowe, C. Campbell, J. Princz, M. Brian, D. Taddeo, D. Harcoun, H. Habib, M.S. Dubas, S.J., S. McEvenue, J. Ryan, C. Nish, S. Scheinberg, R. Martin, R. Breen, S. Mullett, B. Petrie, B. Barkman, J. Macaluso, M. Euvrard.

Invited Guests: P. L'Herault, Chairman of French, M. Baldwin, Assistant Dean, C.J. Fischer, Chairman, Communication Studies, and J.E. O'Brien

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

80-1-1 It was moved and seconded (Brian/Wall) to approve the Agenda as circulated. Vote: CARRIED

Closed Meeting

3. Honorary Degrees

The Chairman announced that Honorary Degrees would not be dealt with at this meeting since Senate would not consider the candidates until its February meeting, and Steering Committee would like to receive additional nominations. She asked members of Council to submit their nominations to the Dean of their respective Division.

4. Student Appeal (ASC 80-1-D3)

The file for Debbie Byer was circulated. Dr. Chaikelson explained that the student had been withdrawn from French C302/2 on November 15, 1979 by the Assistant Dean, Mary Baldwin and had been given a full refund because the course duplicated work done in Francais S214. In her appeal she asked that she be allowed to receive credit for French C302. It was stressed that the work was a duplication of work already covered, that she had completed

only 40% of the work required, and had not written the final examination. It was asked if the student could reasonably have been expected to know that this was a duplication since the titles were different and the course was not included in the list of equivalents.

It was noted that if she was given credit for the course despite duplication, the student must be informed that she might suffer in the future if she presented her transcript for Classification in Quebec.

With regard to approval of her registration it was pointed out that if she had asked about the similarity between Francais L322 and C302 only she would have been told that there was no duplication in these two courses.

The question of the responsibility of the registering officer and student advisor was discussed.

0-1-2 It was moved and seconded (McEvenue/Lajoie) to support the student's appeal to complete the course for credit on the condition that she is made aware of the possible problems which might arise in the future concerning classification by Quebec. Vote: DEFEATED

The suggestion was made that Council members should spend some time discussing the problems of registration and advising together with the possibility of computerizing course equivalencies. Dr. Chaikelson replied that there has been a consultant on campus looking at the whole student record process and the use of the computer for student records and there will be recommendations from that consultant to the University very shortly.

It was agreed that Steering Committee should look into the problems of pre-registration, registration and course change routines and submit a report to the Council at a later date. Members were invited to submit their complaints and suggestions for improvement to the Steering Committee.

Open Session

5. Approval of Minutes

80-1-3

It was moved and seconded (Wall/Aaron) to approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on November 30, 1979.

Vote: CARRIED

6. Chairman's Remarks

Dr. Chaikelson congratulated Dr. Taddeo on his appointment to the position of Dean, Division I. A warm round of applause followed.

The Chairman reported that at the last meeting of Senate the Graduate Curriculum Report was approved, but that the Proposal for an Institute for Cooperative Education had been tabled.

Two changes in the membership of Council were reported - the appointment of Dr. H. Shulman, Fellow, Liberal Arts College, to replace Dr. Krantz and the appointment of Alain Lajoie, a student from the Sir George Williams Campus.

7. Question Period and Announcements

Asked about the Study Days, Dr. Chaikelson replied that these were now listed in the calendar as Reading Days and will be on February 25, 26. There will be no classes held on these days, but professors will be expected to be on campus and meetings will be scheduled as usual.

With regard to the Task Force on Curriculum, Dean Cohen reported that there had been some meetings held and some briefs submitted. The Committee, he said, had decided to publish a consultation document sometime in February in which issues will be raised, questions asked, and possible solutions indicated in order to then generate debate and more submissions and more thought.

8. Elections (ASC 80-1-D2)

A. Advisory Search Committee for Provost - Division IV

Dr. Chaikelson announced that the meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Nominated by the Steering Committee under Category 3) were Dr. F. Krantz, Principal, Liberal Arts College and Dr. A. Jordan, Fellow, School for Community and Public Affairs; nominated under Category 4) were Dr. Harold Proppe, Mathematics and Asst. Prof. L.P. Nowicki, English. These nominations were accepted.

Dr. McEvenue nominated Dr. Shames, Fellow, Lonergan University College to run for election under 3).

Ms. Tekel nominated Prof. J. Lightstone to run for election under Category 4).

80-1-4

It was moved and seconded (Wall/Brian) to close nominations. Vote: CARRIED

On the first Ballot Dr. Krantz was elected to the first position in Category 2). On the second ballot held between Profs. Jordon and Prof. Shames, Prof. Shames was elected to the second position in Category 2).

On the first ballot for the election for Category 4, Prof. Proppe was elected. On the second ballot run between Profs. Nowicki and Lightstone, Prof. Nowicki was elected to the second position in Category 4).

The students nominated to serve under Category 5) were Lois Crowe and Alain Lajoie.

80-1-5

It was moved and seconded (Brian/Cohen) to close nominations. Vote: CARRIED

Ms. Crowe and Mr. Lajoie were elected by acclamation.

#### B. Senate

Steering Committee's nomination of Dr. B. Sahni was accepted. There were no nominationf from the floor.

Dr. Sahni was elected by acclamation to replace Dr. Trudel on Senate until the latter returns to Concordia at the end of June.

C. Board of Graduate Studies

The nomination of Dr. R. Belkin (English) by Steering Committee was approved.

Dr. Belkin was elected by acclamation to replace Assoc. Prof. Sheps, who has resigned from the Board of Graduate Studies. Her term will end May 31, 1980.

D. Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Department Chairman

a) Psychology

Steering Committee nominated Prof. P. Bird (Chemistry) to serve on the Psychology Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

Dr. Peter Bird (Chemistry) was elected by acclamation to the Advisory Search Committee for the Appointment of the Chairman of Psychology.

b) Theological Studies

Dr. D. Miller (Religion) was Steering Committee's nominee. There were no nominations from the floor.

Dr. D. Miller was elected by acclamation to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the Department Chairman for Theological Studies.

E. Curriculum Committee

Dr. M. Malik was nominated by Steering Committee. There were no additional nominations.

Dr. M. Malik (Mathematics) was elected to replace Dr. Wheeler on the Curriculum Committee from January to May 31, 1980.

9. Curriculum Committee Report  
New Programme Proposal for a Master of Arts in  
Communication Studies

It was moved and seconded (Gray/Dubas) to approve the proposal for a Master of Arts in Communication Studies.

The Chairman reported that on February 22, 1974 an Avant-Project for a Master of Arts (Communication Studies) was approved by Senate and sent to Quebec. It was rejected in Quebec because similar programmes had just been approved for McGill and l'Université de Montréal. The proposal before Council, Dr. Chaikelson said, was a new programme.

Dr. Fischer answered questions concerning the extent of involvement of the Fine Arts Cinema Section, English and French documentary Studies and admission requirements.

Following a discussion on the financial implications it was agreed that more detailed information was needed.

80-1-7

It was moved and seconded (Brian/Crysler) to amend the motion to approve the proposal in principle subject to later approval by Council of the cost implications following study by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Graduate Studies.

Vote: CARRIED

The question was called on the motion as amended and was CARRIED.

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#### Other Business

##### Naming of the Geology Medal

80-1-8

It was moved and seconded (Cohen/Sassano) to rename The Geology Medal to The André Deland Geology Medal.

Dr. Cohen said that the Geology Department unanimously recommended to Council that The Geology Medal be named The André Deland Geology Medal in memory of Associate Professor André Deland. He was the founder of the Geology Department on the Sir George Williams Campus and had been on staff for eighteen years, sixteen of which were on a full-time basis. Dr. Deland died on July 7, 1979 at the age of 53.

The question was called on the motion and was CARRIED.

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#### Next Meeting

February 1, 1980.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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J. Chaikelson, Chairman

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M. Osborne, Secretary